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Rev. Amos A. Phelps

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Dear Mr. Phelps

I send the enclosed, through you, to the Secretary of the Am. Board for the Indian Missions. From it you will learn somewhat more of the state of things here. I think Mr. F. is rapidly driving things to extremities - and if possible, will expel from the place, of course by moral means, are that will not Overlumin. You will hear much of the gross state of things ~~there~~ here. There are two sides to that story. There is a reality very little indeed of deep sense of sinfulness in the sight of God, and true gospel humility. A good many have attained entire sanctification, and it has been found out more clearly this winter, than ever before, that the entire chh. deny the Gospel, and are ~~the~~ than the insensit, &c. There is one good sign - i.e. that some who once thought themselves wholly sanctified have confessed sin, and such sin as much clearly shows them to have been wholly deceived, instead of sanctified. I may have mentioned this before. But this does not seem to have struck any alarm. People are just as ready as before, to profess perfection. I expect an explosion ultimately, as I expect the sun to rise to-morrow - but this deceit, do not pretend to forestall.

They say, (from Pres. M's family,) that he is in Boston, that a great many want him to preach for them, but you cannot spare him. It is you that cannot - and that he need not be expected yet for some time. Have you seen Mr. H. Weeks' Letter to Rev. Ch. Fitch. Excellent. It shows more clearly what Mr. H's ~~letter~~ views showed I think enough, how a man that only professes to be wholly sanctified, can dodge plain questions. Can you spare time to let me know the truth of the report about Pres. Mahan. I am in haste

Yours in the Gospel

J. P. Cowles

Please hand the enclosed to Mr. Greene, or as you can often reading.